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Committee on Environmental Health.

1 AN ACT Relating to an evaluation of the state wood smoke reduction
2 program; and adding new sections to chapter 70.94 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.94 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that there are communities in the state which
7 exceed the national ambient air quality standards for particulate
8 matter 2.5, primarily due to wood smoke emissions. The current
9 strategies are not sufficient to reduce wood smoke emissions to levels
10 which comply with the federal standards. The legislature finds that it
11 is in the state's interest and to the benefit of the people of the
12 state to evaluate additional measures to reduce wood smoke emissions
13 and update the state wood smoke control program.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.94 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The wood smoke reduction work group is established. Members of
17 the group must be appointed by the director of the department and must
18 include representatives of the department, regional air quality

1 agencies, hearth products industry, state, county, and local health
2 departments, nongovernmental health organizations, natural gas
3 utilities, electric utilities, and fuel suppliers. Staff for the work
4 group must be provided by the department, with additional staff to be
5 provided by other state agencies and the legislature, as may be
6 required or requested.

7 (2) The purpose of the wood smoke reduction work group is to update
8 the state wood smoke control program. To achieve this purpose, the
9 wood smoke reduction work group shall review, study, evaluate, and make
10 recommendations on at least the following items:

11 (a) Communities in the state that have elevated levels of
12 particulate matter 2.5 pollution and the demographics of those
13 communities;

14 (b) Types of solid fuel burning devices that contribute to
15 particulate matter 2.5 pollution problems, numbers of each device in
16 use, and amount of pollution contributed by each type of device;

17 (c) Strategies used in other states, regions, or cities to reduce
18 contributions to particulate matter 2.5 pollution from wood smoke and
19 the effectiveness of these strategies;

20 (d) Current statewide rules related to solid fuel burning devices
21 and the effectiveness of these rules in reducing levels of particulate
22 matter 2.5 pollution;

23 (e) Measures that may be needed to attain and maintain compliance
24 with federal particulate matter 2.5 standards;

25 (f) State laws, rules, tariffs, and policies that impact the
26 ability to reduce emissions from solid fuel burning devices and
27 encourage the use of cleaner burning devices;

28 (g) Potential measures to reduce emissions from existing solid fuel
29 burning devices, particularly fireplaces, and prevent emissions from
30 new solid fuel burning devices; and

31 (h) Potential financial incentives and sources of funding to change
32 out older solid fuel burning devices to cleaner burning devices.

33 (3) The wood smoke reduction work group must complete its work by
34 December 1, 2007. The work group must submit a final report to the
35 governor stating its findings, conclusions, and final recommendations
36 by December 1, 2007.

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